

You are warmly invited to attend

The Schröder Lecture and Dinner 2023

31 October 2023, 5pm, in the Frankopan Hall, Jesus College

Annelie Ramsbrock and Sarah Colvin

What is the Place of Prison in Democracies? A Conversation

“Prisons reflect society and society needs to take a long, sober look in the mirror” (UK prisoner, Inside Time, 2017)

Join Annelie Ramsbrock, author of *Closed Society: Prison as a Social Experiment* (2020) and Sarah Colvin, author of *Shadowland: The Story of Germany Told by its Prisoners* (2022), to discuss the place, and the state, of prisons in democracies.



Annelie Ramsbrock is Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Greifswald, Germany; Sarah Colvin is the Schröder Professor of German at the University of Cambridge. Both of their recent books look at prisons from the perspective of the people held in them. Like many prison theorists, people in prison ask questions about the place of incarceration in democratic systems.



Beginning with a look at Germany’s ambitious post-Nazi programme of penal reform in the 1960s and 1970s, when a will to create a world-leading model prison system went hand-in-hand with an ambitious programme of democratization in the Federal Republic, the conversation will address how a nation’s will to punish and incarcerate (or not) might offer sometimes uncomfortable insights into the state of democracy.

The lecture will be followed at 7pm by the Schröder Dinner in the Prioress Room, Jesus College.

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